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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit No.: 2626

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In the Office Action of October 17, 2007, claims 2-4, 6, 8-10, 14-16, 18, 31 and 32 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious in view of claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,463,415 (“the ‘415 patent”) when combined with Uppaluru, U.S. Patent No. 6,400,806.¹ Applicant traverses the rejection in that the Examiner has failed to do a comparison between the rejected claims and claims 1-21 of the ‘415 patent when combined with Uppaluru and provide reasons why the differences between the claims would have

¹ The Office Action does not refer to claim 12. Since claim 12 was previously indicated to be allowable, the allowability has not been withdrawn, and claim 12 has not been rejected based on the prior art, Applicant assumes that claim 12 is deemed to contain allowable subject matter. Applicant requests that the status of claim 12 be clarified in the next Office Action.